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SUBJECT: WUHAN SLOGAN

REF: HONG KONG 11340

1. THE "FOUR BIG WEAPONS," REFERRED TO IN A NEW POLITICAL SLOGAN SPOTTED IN A WUHAN POSTER RECENTLY (REFTEL), ARE "CONTENDING, BLOOMING, POSTERS, DEBATES." THE SLOGAN APPEARED IN A PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCAST NOVEMBER 11, ALSO FROM WUHAN. THE BROADCAST LINKED THE SLOGAN WITH PRESENT CRITICISM OF LIN BIAO, BUT WENT ON TO DESCRIBE A CAMPAIGN TO CARRY OUT REVOLUTIONARY CRITICISM OF A LOCAL FACTORY LEADERSHIP FOR ITS "RIGHTIST CONSERVATISM."

2. THE "FOUR BIG WEAPONS" SLOGAN APPEARS IN WANG HUNG-WEN'S ADDRESS TO THE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS (MORE CLEARLY IN THE ORIGINAL CHINESE THAN IN THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION).

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"CONTENDING AND BLOOMING," OF COURSE, WAS THE SHORT-FORM TERM

FOR THE "ONE HUNDRED FLOWERS" CAMPAIGN. WE ARE RESEARCHING WHETHER
AND WHEN THE "FOUR BIG WEAPONS" WERE EMPLOYED EARLIER. ITS
APPEARANCE AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY WEHN ADDRESSED TO WORKERS
CRITICIZING THEIR BOSSES, BEARS WATCHING. WITH STUDENTS ALSO
REPORTEDLY CRITICIZING THEIR TEACHERS, IN THE SPIRIT OF "GOING
AGAINST THE TIDE," THERE COULD BE IN CURRENT POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS MORE SIGNALING FOR MASS AGITATION THAN WE HAVE SEEN
FOR SOME TIME.
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